

wherein the olefin copolymer has a glass transition temperature T_g of lower than 60°C.--

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 5-13 are active in the present application. Independent Claim 10 has been amended to limit the copolymer to containing from 0.1 to 4 mol% of polymerized units of a cyclic olefin. Support for the amendment is found in Example 3 on page 66 where the cyclic olefin norbornene is present in an amount of 4 mol%. No new matter is added.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants thank Examiner Asinovsky for the helpful and courteous discussion of April 9, 2003. During the discussion the Examiner agreed that further limiting the claimed copolymer by restricting the amount of cyclic olefin to 0.1 to 4 mol% would bring the claims into condition for immediate allowance.

Claim 10 has been amended herein to limit the amount of cyclic olefin to from 0.1 to 4 mol%.

The Office has asserted that the claimed composition is obvious in view of compositions described in Farley (U.S. 5,874,512). Farley discloses at column 17, lines 1-9:

For use as a tackifier, resins produced herein preferably have about 5 mole percent or more incorporation of cyclic olefins, more preferably in the range of from about 10 mole percent to about 90 mole percent, even more preferably in the range of from about 5 mole percent to about 85 mole percent, even more preferably from about 10 mole percent to about 80 mole percent, even more preferably from about 15 mole percent to about 75 mole percent, most preferably from greater than 20 mole percent to 75 mole percent.

Farley does not disclose a copolymer wherein the cyclic olefin must be present in amounts of from 0.1 to 4 mol% (see for example Tables 2-4). The presently claimed invention, wherein the cyclic olefin must be present in amounts not greater than 4 mol%,